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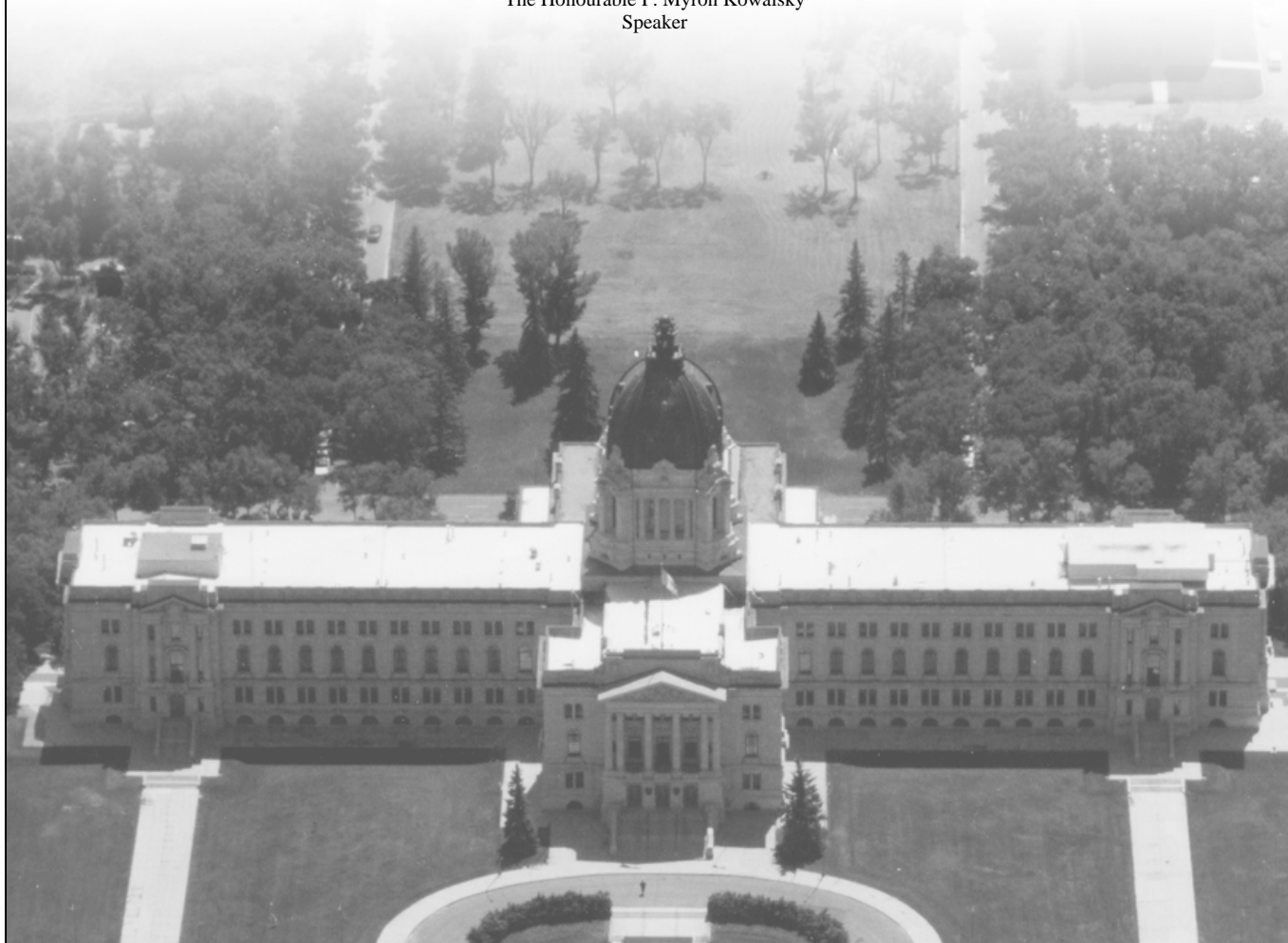
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

Clerk: — Members, I wish to advise the Assembly that Mr. Speaker will not be present to open today's sitting.

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cypress Hills.

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Today I'd like to present a petition on behalf of constituents from the area of Cypress Hills regarding their concerns with the condition of Highway 18. Their prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary actions to ensure that Highway 18 from Claydon to Robsart is repaved at the earliest possible time to ensure the safety of drivers in the area and so that economic development opportunities are not lost.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Madam Deputy Speaker, these two pages of petitions are signed by individuals from the community of Maple Creek. I so present.

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Thunder Creek.

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I rise today to present a petition signed by individuals concerned with the lack of funding for the cancer drug Avastin. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Madam Deputy Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals from the communities of Grandora, Wilkie, and Saskatoon. I so present.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Biggar.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to present another petition from citizens who are concerned about the lack of funding for the cancer drug Avastin. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

Signed by the good citizens of Saskatoon and district. I so

present.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to present a petition on behalf of residents across Saskatchewan that are concerned that Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island are the only provinces that do not have a dedicated children's hospital. The prayer of the petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to implement an allocation of financial resources in this year's budget to build a provincial children's hospital in Saskatoon.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The petitioners today live in Erindale, Arbor Creek, and Silver Spring in northeast Saskatoon. I so present, Madam Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Rosthern-Shellbrook.

Mr. Allchurch: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I rise in the Assembly today to bring forth a petition signed by residents of northwest Saskatchewan in regards to the road conditions of Highway No. 3. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause government to resurface and properly maintain Highway No. 3 from Fairholme to Turtleford and the Livelong access road.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Madam Deputy Speaker, the signatures to this petition are from Turtleford and Livelong. I so present.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Arm River-Watrous.

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a petition calling on the government of Saskatchewan to maintain the Department of Highways section shop in Watrous:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to ensure the Department of Highways section shop in Watrous remain open so as to ensure the safety of all motorists, Saskatchewan Highway employees who would be affected by such possible closure.

As is duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

This particular petition is signed by the good citizens from the town of Watrous. I so present.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise in the House today to present a petition to fund the cancer drug Avastin. I will read the prayer for relief:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Madam Deputy Speaker, this petition is signed by good citizens from Saskatoon Meewasin.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Deputy Clerk: — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed and pursuant to rule 14(7) are hereby read and received as additions to previously tabled petitions being addendums to sessional paper nos. 7, 42, 67, 639, 669, 742.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Elphinstone-Centre.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 39 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall the Bill be read a third time? I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — Leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall the Bill be read for a third time? Minister of the Environment.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 39 — The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of the Environment moves that Bill No. 39, The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Elphinstone-Centre.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 53 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be read a third time? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I would request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — Leave to waive has been requested. Is that accepted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall the Bill be read a third time? Minister of Finance.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 53 — The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I would move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — Moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill No. 53, The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Elphinstone-Centre.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 64 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered in committee? Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I would request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — Leave has been asked to waive consideration. Is that granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall the Bill be read a third time? Minister of Finance.

THIRD READINGS**Bill No. 64 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006**

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has requested that Bill No. 64, The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 be now a read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — Member for Elphinstone-Centre.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 63 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I would request leave to waive consideration in the Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — Request has been asked to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on this Bill. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall the Bill be . . . for a third time? Minister of Finance.

THIRD READINGS**Bill No. 63 — The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006**

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker, I would move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill No. 63, The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006 be now a read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Walsh Acres, Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies that Bill 46 be passed without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? The Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I request that Bill No. 46, The Snowmobile Amendment Act be now waived through the Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker: — The Government House Leader has requested leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 46, The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Government House Leader.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 46 — The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader, the Minister for Culture, Youth and Recreation that Bill No. 46, The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm instructed by the committee to also report Bill No. 59 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Learning.

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — I request leave to waive consideration of Bill No. 59 in Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 59. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Minister of Learning.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 59 - The Education Amendment Act, 2006/ Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Learning that Bill No. 59, The Education Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 44 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Learning.

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 44, The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 44, The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Minister of Learning.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 44 — The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — Moved by the Minister of Learning that Bill No. 44, The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

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**PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Deputy Speaker: — Member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 42 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 42, The Respiratory Therapists Act. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? Minister of Health.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 42 — The Respiratory Therapists Act

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would move that this Bill be read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 42, The Respiratory Therapists Act be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

**PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Deputy Speaker: — Member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 43 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in

Committee of the Whole? Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would request leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Health has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 43, The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? Minister of Health.

THIRD READINGS

**Bill No. 43 — The Medical Radiation
Technologists Act, 2006**

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 43, The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

**PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Deputy Speaker: — Member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 54 without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would request leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 54, The Cancer Agency Act. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Minister of Health.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 54 — The Cancer Agency Act

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I move that this Bill be read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 54, The Cancer Agency Act be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Speaker: — Member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 51 without amendment and ask for leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member has requested leave to report Bill No. 51 without amendment and ask for leave to sit again. When shall it be considered in Committee of the Whole? Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I will request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Health has requested to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on the Bill. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. When shall this Bill be read a third time? Minister of Health.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 51 — The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would move that this Bill be read a third time and passed under its title.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 51, The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Yes, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would direct that the committees on the Economy and Crown and Central Agencies will sit again next sitting of the House, Madam Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: — Next sitting of the House.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

The Deputy Speaker: — The member from Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall on day no. 63 ask the government the following questions:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activities in the department or its agencies in the year 2002-03, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers, clients, suppliers, or others? And if so, what is the nature of the activity?

Also, Madam Deputy Speaker, I shall on day no. 63 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister of Learning: did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

And on day no. 63 I shall ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskTel: did management of this department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Arm River-Watrous.

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I give notice I shall on day no. 63 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister for Culture, Youth and Recreation: how much money has been clawed back from communities who received centennial grants in 2005? And how many communities have been required to pay back money?

I also give notice that I shall on day no. 63 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy: what year did the Government of Saskatchewan begin participating in the federal EnerGuide program, and why did they not participate earlier?

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Biggar.

Mr. Weekes: — In the east gallery, Madam Deputy Speaker, I'd like to introduce to you, and through you, 53 grade 4 and 5 students from the Langham Elementary School. Accompanying them are five teachers and also 30 chaperones. The name of the teachers are Evelyn Kasahoff, Audrey Kampen, Wally Dyck, Arlene Mack, and Kara Zukewich.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I look forward to meeting with them after for a glass of orange juice and a picture. And please join me in welcoming them to their legislature.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for Culture, Youth and Recreation.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. It is my pleasure to introduce in your gallery four folks who have attended today to witness what just happened a few minutes ago, the third reading of The Snowmobile Amendment Act. And they are from the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association.

And I'd like to introduce, and I'll just ask that they give a wave as I identify them, the CEO [chief executive officer] of the association, Chris Brewer. And he's accompanied by the office manager, Jeannie Brewer, and administrative assistants Leanne Hertzog and Marilyn Phipps.

And I'll ask hon. members, Madam Deputy Speaker, to join in extending a warm welcome to these folks, and with appreciation for what they do for the sport of snowmobiling in the province of Saskatchewan all the time. Thank you very much. And good to have you here.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for Community Resources, the member from Athabasca.

Hon. Mr. Belanger: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. As Minister Responsible for disability issues I proclaim May Speech and Hearing Awareness Month. And in recognition of this I'd like to introduce to you, and through you, visitors in your gallery, Madam Deputy Speaker.

With us today is George Thomas who is with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Regina and district branch. We have Leona Ames, with the Regina association of the deaf; and Karen Nurkowski who is with the Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services who is acting as our interpreter.

Madam Deputy Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to introduce these beautiful people and ask all members of the Assembly to give a very special, warm welcome to our guests today. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Elphinstone-Centre.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. In the western gallery, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you and through you to all members of this Assembly four individuals. The first is Bert Adema. Bert, if you could please give us a wave or even rise. Yes, there, very good, very good. Bert is the executive director of the Indian Métis Christian Fellowship centre in Regina Elphinstone-Centre, and they do a tremendous amount of good work in the inner city. With Bert is his daughter, Jocelyn. Jocelyn studies at Luther High School. If you could please rise, Jocelyn. Very good.

And accompanying both Bert and Jocelyn are two visitors to Canada, although they've been here for a while; they've been here since the end of August. They're two exchange students. The first is Luisa Carnevali from Brazil. If you could please rise, Luisa. Bon dias. And also we have Alexandra Contreras from Colombia. Bienvenido, Alexandra. They're here on exchange that wraps up at the end of July. I had occasion to have a meal with them over at the Adema's about a month ago. It was very enjoyable, and I know they're enjoying their visit to Canada. They're learning a lot.

And please could all members join me in welcoming them to this Assembly and to wishing them a good rest of their stay. Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture, the member from Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure today to introduce to you and through you to the rest of this Assembly a young man who is in the west gallery. He is accompanied by one of my ministerial assistants, Melanie Dolton from the Preeceville area. His name is Taylor Maksymiw and Taylor is a summer student in my office. He was raised in Southey, and he's just completed his second year at the University of Saskatchewan in the College of Commerce. His plan is to major in finance with the hope of becoming a financial planner and, I expect, a millionaire who can invest in

Saskatchewan and help build the province.

In his spare time, he's a sports enthusiast and enjoys taking the time to go hunting and fishing with his dad. And a final note, on Sunday, May 14, this young man will be 20 years old. I ask all members to join me in welcoming him.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of the legislature four people who are in your gallery. The individuals are Clayton Martin— if you can give a wave — Keith Reeder. And they are both employees of SaskPower, accompanied also by Perry Kappell from SaskPower and Scott Radonets from my office. Clayton Martin is a district operator, and Keith Reeder is a district operator supervisor with SaskPower in the Rosthern area.

On 10 p.m. on a cold, wintry evening on March 15, Mr. Martin responded to what he thought would be a routine call-out to an area farm. Power had been lost at the farm, but the landowner had a medical condition that prevented him from making it through the thigh-deep snow to check on the problem. Accompanied by a friend of the farmer, Mr. Martin went to troubleshoot the situation and restore the power.

During this time, the man went into a small pumphouse where Mr. Martin found him soon after, on the floor, complaining of chest pains. Mr. Martin called 911 then took off his coat and covered the stricken man to keep him warm. As his condition worsened, he began CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] and continued until the EMS [emergency medical services] attendants arrived with a defibrillator and took over.

At the same time, Keith Reeder hurried to the farm on a snowmobile with his ice fishing sleigh in tow. When he arrived, the man was carefully loaded into the sleigh. Mr. Reeder pulled him through the deep snow to the road where the ambulance was waiting to transport the man to hospital where, I'm happy to report, he recovered from the ordeal. With the crisis over, Mr. Martin borrowed some winter clothing from Mr. Reeder, and together they returned to the farmyard to fix the electrical problem and restore the power.

Madam Deputy Speaker, these two men would have us believe that they simply did what anyone would do in the same situation. I'm sure they would say it's all in a day's work for SaskPower transmission and distribution employees. I would ask all members to recognize these two outstanding SaskPower employees who are with us today — Mr. Clayton Martin and Mr. Keith Reeder. Thank you very much.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for

Saskatoon Greystone.

The Value of First Aid and Emergency Training

Mr. Prebble: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. As was referenced just a moment ago, the Minister Responsible for SaskPower introduced two exceptional public service employees, spoke of their calm and effective handling of a life-threatening situation and how, working together with EMS attendants, they helped to save a man's life.

I think the positive outcome in this situation speaks volumes about the individuals involved and their commitment to help others. I think it also speaks volumes about the value of their training.

Madam Deputy Speaker, both Mr. Martin and Mr. Reeder credit their ongoing safety training for preparing them to face this emergency. It helped them to make the right decisions at the right time. As he had been trained to do, Mr. Martin first called 911 to initiate an EMS response. This is perhaps the most crucial factor in saving a life, especially in cardiac situations. And he worked with the 911 operator to assess the situation and decide the course of action. He was able to begin CPR and maintain it until EMS arrived.

Mr. Reeder, for his part, understanding that getting the victim out of the snowy farmyard and to the hospital quickly was also critical, came prepared with snowmobile and sled.

Madam Deputy Speaker, not only are these actions worthy of special recognition, but I think they should stand as a reminder to all of us of the value of first aid and CPR training, and of knowing how the emergency response system works in your area. Thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Milton Lake Lodge Wins Award of Excellence

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Vince Lombardi said that:

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the . . . [task] at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

Ted Cawkwell had a dream of developing a successful tourism attraction in northern Saskatchewan. Ted, a former full-time farmer from Lintlaw, didn't just dream. Through hard work, innovation, and determination, he developed a very successful lodge called Milton Lake Lodge.

The lodge is built entirely of natural pine and is situated beside Milton Lake which is in a remote, previously untouched area in northern Saskatchewan, 25 miles south of the Northwest Territories and 100 miles from the nearest road. The only way in is by air.

Not only does this lodge offer luxury and high-class service; it

offers clients the opportunity to catch world-class trophy fish and enjoy nature that is untouched by humans. This year, Mr. Cawkwell is adding an adventure canoe trip down a river that very few humans have ever traversed. Canoeists can shoot rapids, catch a huge northern pike, and pitch a tent on moss a foot thick and enjoy a fish-fry.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Assembly to join with me in congratulating Mr. Cawkwell, Jr. on winning the 2005 Rookie of the Year Award of Excellence from Sask Tourism for his Milton Lake Lodge. Saskatchewan is very fortunate that this former farmer chose to utilize his skills in Saskatchewan rather than leaving the province. I am sure that we will be hearing more about this entrepreneur's future endeavours. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Saskatchewan Rivers.

Speech and Hearing Awareness Month

Mr. Borgerson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, many of us take our hearing and ability to speak for granted. Whether we are talking with a group of friends, playing a sport, or listening to the radio, our ability to communicate is vital in our everyday activities. But for 10 per cent of Canadians, speech, language, or hearing problems are daily challenges that affect their work, school, and social lives. Few of us will ever know the isolation and frustration they face.

Madam Deputy Speaker, hearing loss can strike persons of all ages and at any time. It's one of the fastest growing disabilities in North America today. It is estimated that it affects over 100,000 people in our own province, and that's why it's so important that we raise public awareness about the cause, prevention, and coping mechanisms for this invisible disability.

Madam Deputy Speaker, the Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc. has for 25 years worked tirelessly in not only raising awareness but in serving Saskatchewan residents affected by hearing loss. But they don't work alone. I want to recognize the work of all the other agencies and those who assist and provide services to people with speech and hearing disabilities in Saskatchewan.

To help raise public awareness and to show support for this important cause, the province has proclaimed May 2006 as Speech and Hearing Awareness Month in Saskatchewan which coincides with the national designation. Please join me in saluting the work of the Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and in celebrating Speech and Hearing Awareness Month in Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Meet the North 2006 Conference

Mr. Chisholm: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Yesterday in Edmonton a three-day conference wrapped up

with the participants leaving with a renewed spirit of optimism and a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges for the future of the development of the North.

Meet the North 2006 was spearheaded by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and drew some 600 delegates and 185 exhibitors from across the country. This was the fourth such conference held in Edmonton, the first of which was held in 1997. As more and more projects are contemplated and initiated, the opportunities to participate become ever increasingly obvious for all of us.

Among those in attendance were the premiers of Alberta, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon, as well as First Nation and Aboriginal leaders, representatives of local governments, industry representatives, representatives of post-secondary educational institutions, and leaders in the fields of research and innovation, and a myriad of service and support industries. The working sessions dealt with the challenges and opportunities faced in the rapid development of the North but also with innovative and creative approaches in meeting these challenges.

Over the past nine years, the relationships that developed as a result of this conference have developed into full-fledged partnerships, joint ventures, and other synergies between business and organizations in the North and elsewhere in the country. Madam Speaker, I commend the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, and I would suggest that we may be in the future a more full participating partner in this arrangement. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cumberland.

Northern Education Programs Are Vital to the Future of Northern Saskatchewan

Hon. Ms. Beatty: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremony of the northern teacher education program, NORTEP, and the northern professional access program, NORPAC [Northern Professional Access College]. Madam Deputy Speaker, these programs are vital to the future of northern Saskatchewan.

Before they were established, students from the North were forced to leave their homes and their communities to pursue an education in larger centres like Regina or Saskatoon. Now, Madam Deputy Speaker, young people are able to stay in northern Saskatchewan and study in numerous fields of study without having to leave family and friends.

Since its establishment in 1976, NORTEP has offered over 1,000 university credit classes attended by students from over 40 different northern communities. Three hundred and eight students have graduated from this program as fully qualified teachers, most of whom are First Nations and Métis people. Most are working in northern Saskatchewan in their home communities.

NORPAC was established in 1989, and more than 230 students

have registered since. Students are able to take classes in arts and sciences, in areas of study such as health, commerce, or the mining industry. Madam Deputy Speaker, I was pleased to attend the 2006 graduation ceremony for NORTEP and NORPAC. I would like to close with the graduation theme and say to all of the graduates, well done. On this day, your dream has become a reality. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Moosomin.

Regina Rescue Mission Fundraiser

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Madam Deputy Speaker, last night I had the privilege of joining my colleague, the member from Cypress Hills, and also the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre, at the Regina Rescue Mission's 2006 annual Love Your Neighbour fundraising banquet.

The master of the ceremonies for the evening was Reverend Ken Porter, who was a founding executive director of the mission. Madam Deputy Speaker, the purpose of the banquet was to bring to everyone's attention and awareness the reasons for the Rescue Mission, and how by reaching out to those less fortunate we can make a difference.

Madam Deputy Speaker, there were more than 600 people gathered for last night's banquet, and thanks to the generosity of organizations and businesses in the city each one gathered were treated to a scrumptious meal à la carte. We want to thank all the sponsors for their donations and support.

The highlight I think, Madam Deputy Speaker, however was the keynote address by Tara Robinson, CTV [Canadian Television Network Ltd.] News and more specifically the testimony of Melissa, who acknowledged the work of the Rescue Mission and how her life was changed around from a life of prostitution and addictions to drugs and alcohol.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I want to extend a hearty thank you to the Rescue Mission for their work in this city and to the more than 600 guests for the \$67,000 they donated to help the Rescue Mission. Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Fairview.

Saskatchewan Party's Economic Policy

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Madam Deputy Speaker, the number one characteristic of the Saskatchewan Party under the leadership of the member for Swift Current is that they will say anything if they think that's what people want to hear.

The member for Thunder Creek, when speaking to workers at Worldwide Pork, is all for government support to keep the plant open and to help protect the workers' jobs. Even speaking to the media for public consumption, the member for Thunder Creek is delighted when government support is provided. However on

his website for the benefit of right wing supporters, he is not delighted, never was delighted. And he doesn't believe in the government getting involved in the economy at all.

Under this leader, the Saskatchewan Party policy is whatever they said last. Under this leader, the Saskatchewan Party is willing to say anything and adopt any position that'll serve their political ends. The question is, what is their policy when it comes to the economy? Are they hands-off reformers? Are they Devine-school interventionists? Do they know themselves?

Madam Deputy Speaker, under this leader, the Saskatchewan Party is either lacking clear direction, or they are trying to play both sides of the street. And who's to say which it is, except perhaps maybe Brenda Bakken Lackey who says that under this leader the Saskatchewan Party values politics over principle. Madam Deputy Speaker, she was certainly in a position to judge. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition, the member for Swift Current.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Effect of Government Policies on School Divisions

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Well, Madam Deputy Speaker, the destructive force that is NDP [New Democratic Party] math is visiting itself on the education system in our province and specifically in southeast Saskatchewan. Madam Deputy Speaker, that math goes something like: the NDP's amalgamation plan, the current NDP budget, plus years of losing our people to other provinces under the NDP economic policies equals increases in property taxes, Madam Deputy Speaker, across this province, and fewer teachers.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I am sorry to confirm for the Assembly today that the concern that the Saskatchewan Party had about the NDP's plan and its effect on teacher numbers in our province seems to be coming true. There are reports out of Weyburn and Estevan that 10 per cent of the teaching positions will be cut there. Madam Deputy Speaker, that would be over 50 teachers gone in one school division. They had 550 teachers, and if the 10 per cent figure comes true, they will have 500.

Madam Deputy Speaker, my question is to the Premier: will he explain to the people of Weyburn-Big Muddy, to the parents and the teachers in that area, why his NDP plan is going to result in 50 fewer teachers in southeast Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Well thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. Let's just review for a moment about what Tory math is like. This is from the Leader of the Opposition who has just returned from a little fundraising gathering in

Ottawa last evening, or on Tuesday night. I would just be interested to know whether it was at that fundraising dinner that he happened to raise the question of his views in terms of what math was worth.

What was it he says about the federal budget after it comes out? He says, well you know, we're not too worried about this equalization issue because, you know, whether it's ten-province or five-province, it really doesn't matter. It's 60 million bucks; it's just semantics.

Sixty million bucks to this member is semantics. The cheerleader for the opposition stands up after the federal budget, and he says, you know what, we just love this federal budget which increased health care spending by 6 per cent. Oh I know we voted against the provincial NDP budget that increased health by 10 per cent, but we love that Tory budget of 6.

They love a budget that has a 6 per cent increase for health care. They love a budget that has nothing in it for equalization. And you know what? He goes on to say, just don't worry about that federal money; don't send us all of it, just send us . . . [inaudible] . . . Tory math doesn't work. It didn't work under Grant Devine; it isn't going to work under him.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Well, Madam Deputy Speaker, should it surprise anybody in this Assembly — it doesn't surprise the people of Weyburn-Big Muddy or all of the districts that are looking at tax hikes and fewer teachers because of this NDP plan — but should it surprise anybody in this Assembly that that minister wasn't even in the same area code as the question because he's embarrassed by his own tenure as the Education minister and by his budget that looks like it's going to result in 50 fewer teachers, 50 fewer teachers in southeast Saskatchewan?

Here's what that member had to say on Weyburn radio with respect to the issue of education in southeast Saskatchewan. He says, and I quote:

I guess one has to kind of wonder what their game plan is and if it is in fact anything other than just cheap Saskatchewan Party politics.

Mr. Speaker, that was the only answer this minister had for the parents, the teachers of this school division that are going to be crushed by this lack of plan. This from this NDP government with respect to education. If that minister wants to answer the questions, fine. Will he explain to the people of Weyburn-Big Muddy how their students, how their school system, will be better off under this NDP plan that means 50 fewer teachers in southeast Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

The Deputy Speaker: — Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — The leader of the Sask Party should in

fact leave his cheap Sask Party politics somewhere else.

It was interesting to note that on Tuesday night while the members of this Assembly were continuing to work on our provincial budget and we were continuing to work to drive forward a way to find equalization money for Saskatchewan people, he was in Ottawa trying to find money for the Saskatchewan Party.

I think that's a very interesting and telling point. And this is exactly the reason he's raising this issue in Weyburn today. He's not raising the fact that there were millions of more dollars for education in other parts of the province. He wasn't talking about what it is that his plan is in terms of percentage increases for education. All it is, is just an attempt for him to raise his profile in a by-election.

The simple fact is that this budget and that successive budgets have increased education spending. We have record spending now in education. In the last 10 years there's been a 40 per cent increase in education spending, and in the last 10 years that party has consistently voted against those budgets. And they voted against the increase again this year. It is nothing but cheap Saskatchewan Party politics.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Order. I would ask members, I would ask and remind members that . . . Order, order. I'd ask and remind members that they're not to refer to those who are absent or present within the Chamber as was in the previous remarks. And we'll continue with oral questions. The member from Swift Current.

Mr. Wall: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance is right about one thing. This party, this Saskatchewan Party will vote against their plans that will result in 50 fewer teachers in southeast Saskatchewan. We'll vote against his plan that's going to cause property tax hikes in Weyburn and Estevan, in the city of Regina. We'll vote against a plan that results in the Sun West School Division, which includes Biggar and Rosetown, saying there'll be 15 fewer teachers in that division.

You bet we'll vote against that kind of plan, Mr. Speaker, that it will damage the education system in the province of Saskatchewan and put still more weight on property tax to fund an education system that is currently obviously underfunded by this government.

Does the minister have a specific answer for the people of Weyburn-Big Muddy or Biggar or Rosetown or southwest Saskatchewan or Regina why they should accept from him, why they should accept from him higher property taxes and fewer teachers? Does he have an answer for them?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — My question is: does the Leader of the Opposition have any credible plan to provide a detail to this Assembly on what it is he's actually seeking? Have they in any of their speeches told us what they think the education funding

should be? Have they stood in this Assembly and said anything other than, give my riding or riding X, Y, or Z more? No.

And why is it? Because it is nothing more than a paper-thin veneer of cheap Sask Party politics from a leader who is attempting to curry favour and distract from the fact he drove out of this Assembly a capable member — although I didn't agree with her politics — a capable member from Weyburn-Big Muddy because she did not agree with his leadership.

Madam Deputy Speaker, this budget provided \$67 million worth of property tax relief for farmers. It provided record education spending. It provided record health care spending. It provided record spending in terms of highways. It provided record tax cuts. And what did that member of the opposition do? Stood and voted against it. That's a case again of politics before principle.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Swift Current, the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Well, Madam Deputy Speaker, because of the arrogance that we see from that minister, because of the fact that he's more interested in his own leadership campaign and his advertising commercials than he is about providing proper funding the education in the province of Saskatchewan, because of the fact that *The Nipawin Journal* says, "School taxes [to] go through the roof," because of the fact that the *Kindersley Clarion* says, "Sun West . . . will see tax increase, [and] teacher cuts," because of this government's plan costing teacher positions in southeast Saskatchewan, and tax hikes there and in cities like Regina, because of that, soon and very soon he'll see another brand new Weyburn-Big Muddy Sask Party member in this House temporarily on this side.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — What is his answer? Is his answer to teachers and school boards, who have the same concerns that we do, that they're also playing cheap politics?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — So now, Madam Deputy Speaker, we have the admission from the Leader of the Opposition that this is nothing more than a cheap political stunt aimed at trying to curry favour in a by-election.

This argument would have more credibility if that Leader of the Opposition could stand in this House and tell us today how much more money it is that he would seek for education. If he could tell us today how it is he squares it with their election promise to a frozen health care spending and vote against a budget with a 10 per cent increase. If he could stand in this House today and tell us why it is he's more interested in fundraising for the Saskatchewan Party while he's in Ottawa than trying to find money for equalization. It would have some credibility if that member had any credibility and actually had a plan.

The simple fact is, Madam Deputy Speaker, we have increased education spending in the last 10 years by 40 per cent despite the fact there's 25,000 fewer students in the system. We're committed to public education. We're committed to it throughout the province. And the amalgamation, the foundation operating grant reforms, and our provincial budget support that. It is unfortunate that the Leader of the Opposition can't get past the cheap politics and do the same.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. As the Leader of the Opposition has just outlined, despite the Minister of Finance's assurances to the contrary, school divisions across this province are being forced to hike property taxes.

In the Southwest School Division taxes are going up between 4 and 18 per cent. In the Prairie South School Division taxes are going up between 7 and 15 per cent for most residents; in the Chinook School Division taxes are being hiked between 2 and 38 per cent. And Weyburn property taxes are going up 50 per cent.

Madam Deputy Speaker, will the Learning minister finally admit that the amount provided in this budget is not enough to cover the increased cost of education?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — There is sufficient money in this budget that the taxes in Weyburn — in the old Sunrise Division — should not have gone up. The taxes in Estevan should've gone down. The taxes in Moosomin should've gone down. Understanding that in the other three divisions they should've gone up.

But what is interesting is that the board did not exercise its ability to use a three-year phase-in. There was not the decision on the part of the board to exercise the tools available for it. But the simple fact is, whether the members opposite care to admit it or not, there is enough money in this budget that the tax line could've been held in the old Sunrise Division and there was sufficient in this budget to deal with the education needs of our kids.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantefoer: — Madam Deputy Speaker, earlier the Premier travelled to Birch Hills to announce that education property taxes would finally be reduced. Well so much for that commitment. This government's decision to underfund the basic costs of education is hitting taxpayers right in the pocket. As an editorial in the *Weyburn Review* points out, this decision, quote:

. . . ignores the reality of present day Saskatchewan, and will end up hurting some students, and worse, hurting rural

land-owners, the very sector of the population who can least handle any increase.

Madam Deputy Speaker, the same editorial notes, quote:

The government has the funds . . . to mitigate such a tax increase instead of downloading it to the local board to do.

Madam Deputy Speaker, why is this government failing to fully fund the cost of education and forcing school divisions to hike property taxes instead?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — I want to be very clear now. Is it the Sask Party's position that the province should be funding 100 per cent of the cost of K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12] education? Because that is just what the member advocated, is that there should be a fully funded provincial share of education. Despite the fact that he stands in this House and votes against a \$67 million tax cut for farmers. Despite the fact he voted against record spending in education. Despite the fact that he has said nothing in terms of what his party's plans are in terms of education funding today or into the future.

This is nothing but more cheap Sask Party politics aimed at trying to deal with a failing campaign of theirs in the Weyburn by-election. It is time for the members opposite to start to put the principles, to start to put the interests of the people ahead of the interests of the Saskatchewan Party.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Madam Deputy Speaker, teachers and school board officials across this province really didn't much appreciate the arrogance of that member when he was the minister of Learning and they surely don't appreciate it any more now that he's the Finance minister.

Madam Deputy Speaker, the simple reality is the increased cost of funding of educational programs have not been met by this Finance minister's budget and at the end of the day people across this province understand what is happening. An editorial in the *Tisdale Recorder* sums it up nicely, and I quote:

Kind of makes the government's promise to further take on the burden of paying for education look like just another promise they made . . . about this topic — Amalgamation will save everyone money.

So, when will we see the savings?

Again, Madam Deputy Speaker, when is this government to own up to the fact that they have not fully funded the extra costs of education and instead are driving those costs on to property tax payers?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Madam Deputy Speaker, there has been a 40 per cent increase in government funding to our public K to 12 education system in the last 10 years despite the fact that there has been a 25,000 student decline. More money per student is being paid in. We have fixed the equity in the system so we no longer have an education system that the rich being able to provide a system 25 times better than those in the poor ridings.

It's interesting, it is interesting and telling that we have the members opposite today standing up and talking about the situation in an oil-rich area, not standing up and talking about what we're doing to improve education in our North or in our inner cities. They seem to have forgotten about the social compassion.

Why, Madam Deputy Speaker, have they forgotten about the social compassion? Because it is all about the politics before the principle. It's because there's a by-election today that is going on because the Leader of the Opposition drove out the member for Weyburn out of the caucus, out of the legislature. And that is why today you hear this ballyhoo of complaints from the Leader of the Opposition and his party — because it is about politics before principle.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Recognize the member for Cypress Hills.

Selection of Chair for Review of Post-Secondary Education

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I read with interest of plans by this government to conduct a comprehensive review of post-secondary education including the issues of accessibility and affordability here in Saskatchewan. However, Madam Deputy Speaker, I was left wondering why a member of the government caucus was appointed to head that review.

Mr. Speaker, why was it felt that this arrangement was the best way to conduct such a review?

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Premier of the province.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Well let me say this, Madam Deputy Speaker. There is a considerable difference between this government caucus and that opposition caucus. In that opposition caucus, Madam Deputy Speaker, any member who does not toe the caucus party line is no longer part of that caucus. In that caucus members are prohibited, we're told by the former member of Weyburn, from expressing the views of their constituents. In this government caucus, Madam Deputy Speaker, each and every member is playing a valuable role in the shaping of public policy, in the delivery of good public services.

I have selected the MLA from Regina Elphinstone to lead this review because of his abilities, because of his commitment to

post-secondary education, because of his understanding of the institutions, because of his relationship with students. The member from Regina Elphinstone, Madam Deputy Speaker, will provide a significant review for the benefit of Saskatchewan students and Saskatchewan families. That's why.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Cypress Hills.

Mr. Elhard: — Madam Deputy Speaker, you know, that's a very interesting answer from the Premier. Because on page 4 of a document dated April 21, 2006 titled external accessibility/student financial assistance review, 2006 for internal departmental discussion only, states clearly and I quote:

An external-to-government review panel could either be a single chairperson or have representation from a number of important areas of the sector.

Mr. Speaker, to the Premier or his minister: why was this recommendation for an external person to head up the review completely ignored?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Madam Deputy Speaker, the goal, the goal of this work is to ensure that Saskatchewan young people, in fact Saskatchewan people of all ages, have access to the educational opportunities that will prepare them for their futures, their careers here in the province of Saskatchewan. We want to ensure that no one is being left behind, that no one is being denied those opportunities because they cannot have the financial means or other accessible questions to get that opportunity. That's the point.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I believe that when we enter this legislature, we enter here to make change, we enter here to shape public policy. I have extreme confidence in every member of the legislature that sits on the government benches. The MLA from Regina Elphinstone will lead this review and will bring forward recommendations.

Now, Madam Deputy Speaker, while I'm on my feet I think it's about time that somebody over there, somebody . . . I was waiting patiently in the question period for the Leader of the Opposition to get up and explain to us, explain to us, how it is that he went to Ottawa to raise money for the Saskatchewan Party but didn't do much for Saskatchewan people. Was he in Ottawa, Madam Deputy Speaker, to meet with the Prime Minister on equalization or was he there to raise money for the Saskatchewan Party?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:30]

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cypress Hills.

Mr. Elhard: — Well, Madam Deputy Speaker, we just heard

the Minister of Finance accusing us of playing politics with a topic, but we've had a fairly good game of politics played by the Premier and some of his ministers just in the last few answers.

Madam Deputy Speaker, having a member of the government caucus head this review is certainly the easiest, most politically expedient to conduct a review of this type. And it is certainly the way the minister can exert the most direct political control over the process. However, Madam Deputy Speaker, it might not be the most effective way to conduct a review.

Mr. Speaker, this review is being headed by a government member and its completion is timed just before the next provincial election. Once again it appears important decisions are being skewed by political considerations.

Madam Deputy Speaker, will the minister undertake to once again review the April 21 draft terms of reference and reconsider the possibility of appointing a Chair that is not a member of the NDP caucus?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Madam Deputy Speaker, I understand why that member doesn't understand the role of a member of this legislature because they're never given roles like this, Madam Deputy Speaker. In fact they're driven out. They're driven out of that caucus if they have a role that does not agree with the Leader of the Opposition.

Now, Madam Deputy Speaker, let's just review a little history here. Let's just review a little history in this province. We had the now Minister of Agriculture, as an MLA, do a report on ethanol development in this province, as an MLA. What do we have today? We have a leading position in Canada with a mandate . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Order. Order. I have been recognizing the debate to be fairly spirited but I am now having difficulty hearing and other members are trying to debate across the floor. So I would ask the Premier to finish his answer, please.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Madam Deputy Speaker, members in this government caucus have given leadership on a number of files — be it ethanol, be it addictions, be it immigration, Madam Deputy Speaker, and I could go on with my list. Each and every one of them has resulted in effective public policy.

Now, Madam Deputy Speaker, I happened to be present yesterday over at the University of Regina where there was a large number of students, a large number of people from the various educational institutions of our province. You know what, Madam Deputy Speaker? They were extremely pleased with the appointment of the MLA from Regina Elphinstone. They were happy. The students were happy, the institutions were happy. The only unhappy people in the province of Saskatchewan sit across from us in this legislature.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cannington.

Appointment at the Labour Relations Board

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. When asked yesterday why he was refusing to go through the mediation process in the case of the former Labour Relations vice-chairman, Walter Matkowski, the Labour minister responded that Mr. Matkowski's term had expired. Yes, his term has expired but the minister is missing the point. Mr. Matkowski's allegations of political interference deal with the period of time when he was still employed by the province as Vice-Chair of the LRB [Labour Relations Board], not since then.

Madam Deputy Speaker, why is the minister refusing to go through the mediation process which Mr. Matkowski has suggested rather than going through the court system, which he seems to prefer? What is he afraid of?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Labour.

Hon. Mr. Forbes: — Well, Madam Deputy Speaker, I'll be very clear. There was no political interference in the LRB. The term expired.

Now this is simply part of the Sask Party's long-standing agenda to undermine the LRB. The old leader over there said he would politically interfere with the LRB by altering the makeup of it. The current leader says he'd interfere by putting on his own political agenda. What's old has now become new again, Madam Deputy Speaker. Nothing has changed. You know, this Sask Party is just not credible.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Cannington.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. For the last week I have watched this Minister of Labour refuse to answer specific questions about the allegations of political interference at the Labour Relations Board. He refuses to answer questions in this Chamber. He refuses to answer questions in the rotunda during the scrums and during the redos.

He says he can't get into specifics because it could form the basis of a lawsuit, even if the questions have nothing to do with Mr. Matkowski's affidavit. Any questions or answers, Madam Deputy Speaker, could actually form the basis of a lawsuit.

Madam Speaker, the minister appears to be simply stalling, hoping he can actually go out into the rotunda and answer, no comment; we're in court. Madam Deputy Speaker, since the minister refuses to answer any questions, refuses to take any responsibility, provides no leadership, will he do the sensible thing and simply resign?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — Minister of Labour.

Hon. Mr. Forbes: — Madam Deputy Speaker, let's be clear. You know the Sask Party over there has said they would politically interfere with the LRB by firing every single member. And it was the Sask Party, Sask Party leader who said he would change the LRB's mandate and impose his own political agenda, a growth agenda.

Now, Madam Deputy Speaker, no one was pushed out of their job. The term was completed in full. There was no political interference. You know, and they love to use this term, fair and balanced. Well how is terminating every single member on the LRB fair and balanced? And how is it, quite frankly, dragging the name through . . . another civil servant through the mud fair and balanced?

Well you know, Madam Deputy Speaker, one day they say one thing and the next they do exactly the opposite. They're just not credible at all.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Cannington.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. We certainly are going to grow this province as soon as we get rid of this government.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. D'Autremont: — Madam Deputy Speaker, it's not just that this minister is refusing to answer questions . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Order, order. I'm asking members to allow for the respect and have the question placed to the Assembly.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Madam Deputy Speaker, there is lots of energy on this side of the House, and there's lots of energy in this province to get rid of the anchor we have on this province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. D'Autremont: — Madam Deputy Speaker, the minister really doesn't seem too bothered about the serious nature of these allegations of political interference. He refuses to conduct a full investigation within his department. He admits he's confused, and on that part, Madam Deputy Speaker, we all agree with that assessment. He refuses to go through the mediation process, claiming there is no dispute and no need for mediation. He claims no dispute, but he still wants to go to court.

Again, will the minister resign . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — I would ask the member to go to the question, please.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Madam Deputy Speaker, the question: again, will the minister resign so the Premier can find someone prepared to resolve these allegations?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The Minister of Labour.

Hon. Mr. Forbes: — You know, Madam Deputy Speaker, I've said it over and over again. This is a clear agenda about spreading seeds of doubt.

You have a member who would fire every member of that LRB. You have someone from the old guard talking about how they would change it. You have a member talking about a growth agenda of the LRB, someone who truly doesn't understand the role of what the LRB. Over there, this is an opposition that flip-flops every day on this issue, doesn't know what they're talking about. They're just not credible.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the minister of Aboriginal and First Nations affairs.

First Nations and Métis Fund

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. About two years ago, the Premier made a commitment to establish an economic development fund specifically for First Nations and Métis people, and I was pleased to announce today that we have kept that commitment, Madam Speaker.

The Minister of Northern Affairs and the member from Regina Rosemont were able to join me at this very exciting announcement, and I also want to recognize the role that they played in assisting our government in developing that fund.

We have established the First Nations and Métis Fund to help create economic opportunities and jobs for First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan. I'm pleased to say that we have worked very closely with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations as well as Métis organizations to make this fund a reality. We appreciate their hard work and support on this initiative. I also want to acknowledge the very good advice we received from vice-chief of the federation, Guy Lonechild, who was very helpful in his assistance as we put together this program.

This fund will stimulate our economy by strengthening the participation of First Nations and Métis people. It will also help provide meaningful employment for this growing segment of our population.

Madam Speaker, Crown Investments Corporation is committing up to \$20 million for the fund over the next four years. The fund will make investments of between 1 million and \$3 million in new or expanding businesses which are majority owned or controlled by First Nations or Métis people. The focus will be on projects in Saskatchewan's key growth sectors: value-added agriculture, advanced technology, energy, mining, forestry and forestry developments, and manufacturing. In addition the fund will consider investments in Aboriginal-themed tourism.

CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan] will operate the fund, and Westcap Management Ltd. of Saskatoon will be the fund manager. Westcap will work with First Nations

and Métis organizations including the Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation and the Clarence Campeau Development Fund to identify potential deals. Madam Speaker, we are pleased that both SIEF [Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation] and CCDF [Clarence Campeau Development Fund] are very supportive of the First Nations and Métis Fund. They see it as complementing the work that they are doing.

The First Nations and Métis Fund will also complement two programs announced by our government last year. The Department of First Nations and Métis Relations is administering the First Nations and Métis economic development grant program which was announced in October. This program will provide up to \$5 million in grants over the next five years.

In November CIC joined with Saskatchewan's credit unions to establish the Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund. The foundation provides business services and advice, while the fund will make investments of up to \$1 million in new or expanding small businesses. The Entrepreneurial Fund is aimed at all entrepreneurs but especially at young, rural, northern and First Nations and Métis people.

Madam Speaker, the First Nations and Métis Fund is a welcome and much needed source of additional financial support for First Nations and Métis people and businesses in our province. We look forward to working with First Nations and Métis people to help them achieve success. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Deputy Speaker: — The member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. And I would like to take a moment to thank the minister for providing me with a copy of his statement just a few minutes before we convened.

The Saskatchewan Party believes that there needs to be a greater participation in the economy of First Nations and Métis people. Currently, employment levels of Aboriginal people drastically trail non-Aboriginal people in this NDP Saskatchewan. This is totally unacceptable, Madam Deputy Speaker.

We believe that for Saskatchewan to move to the next level, our province needs to ensure participation in the economy of First Nations and Métis people. They need to be fully at the table when discussions are taking place on how to create the best economic climate to ensure the future success of our great province for all people. As our leader has explained on a number of occasions, a Saskatchewan Party government would include First Nations and Métis people as equal and vital partners in all economic planning through Enterprise Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Party believe that government should never take an equity position in any private business. Picking winners and losers in the economy is not advantageous to the economy as a whole, and this NDP government's past record of investment has been dismal. They have demonstrated many

examples of poor judgment and huge money failures.

Madam Deputy Speaker, this government already has the Métis Development Fund, the Saskatchewan Indian Equity Fund, the Aboriginal Employment Fund. And now they're going to develop yet another government department that will dictate who Aboriginal people can do business with and how their business will be run.

It's time to stop controlling First Nations and Métis people and to start respecting them as equal and full partners in our province's economy. Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Madam Deputy Speaker, in order to accommodate the good work of the policy field Committees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure as well as on Human Services, I move that this House do now adjourn.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:45.]

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